

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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TAXES ON PETROL DIESEL
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

the details of countries having a tax rate higher than India on petrol and diesel?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE(SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

Sir, As per the data available from sources indicated below, in respect of ten other countries, Spain, Italy, France, United Kingdom and Germany show a higher percentages of taxes and duties over retail selling prices than India, as indicated below:

S.No.	Country	Petrol	Diesel
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1.	United States of America	15%	18%
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2.	Pakistan	28%	30%
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3.	Canada	32%	26%
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4.	Thailand	46%	30%
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5.	Japan	48%	35%
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6.	India	52%	30%
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7.	Spain	53%	40%
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8.	Italy	60%	44%
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9.	France	63%	48%
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10.	United Kingdom	65%	58%
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11.	Germany	66%	51%
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[Sources: (1) International Energy Agency, End user petroleum Products Prices, January, 2010, (2) Energy Policy and Planning Office, Thailand, (3) Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority, Pakistan]

However, it is submitted that the central excise duty on petrol and diesel in India are charged at specific rates and their ad valorem incidence alters with change in factors such as retail selling price, exchange rate, duty rate.